

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 14, 16, 27, 29, 40, 58, 76, and 78. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for restricting wagering access on user equipment, using an interactive wagering application comprising:

determining a geographic location of the user equipment;

checking whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment;

B1 providing the user equipment with a location verification token in response to a determination that [[when]] the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed, wherein the location verification token comprises content that indicates that the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed;

using the interactive wagering application to verify whether the location verification token is valid; and

restricting wagering access when [[of]] the user equipment does not have a valid location verification token.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing wagering access when the user equipment has the location verification token.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the geographic location of the user equipment comprises using a global positioning satellite system.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the geographic location of the user equipment comprises using automatic number identification on a telephone network.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein checking whether wagering is allowed comprises:

determining in which geographic locations wagering is not allowed; and

comparing the geographic location of the user equipment with the geographic locations in which wagering is not allowed.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein checking whether wagering is allowed comprises:

using an interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

B(7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein using an interactive wagering system comprises using a component selected from a group consisting of a transaction processing and subscription management system, totalisators, a subscription verification facility, and any combination thereof.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the location verification token expires after a predetermined period of time.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing a user with the ability to set user-defined wagering access restrictions; and

restricting wagering access based on the user-defined wagering access restrictions.

10. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein restricting wagering access comprises performing a function selected from a group consisting of changing the appearance of wagering options in an interface, removing wagering options from an interface, displaying a message when a wagering option is selected from an interface, suppressing wager-related indicators from appearing on a display, suppressing a wagering event broadcast from being displayed, or any combination thereof.

11. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein checking whether wagering is allowed comprises:

receiving blackout information at the user equipment; and

determining whether wagering is allowed based on the geographic location of the user equipment and on the blackout information.

12. (previously presented) A method for enabling user equipment to verify whether it is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, using an interactive wagering application comprising:

using an integrated receiver decoder to receive blackout information, wherein blackout information indicates geographic regions that prohibit wagering;

B obtaining location information that indicates the geographic location the user equipment is located; and

comparing the blackout information and the location information at the user equipment to determine whether the user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 12 wherein the location information is obtained by a location tracing service that analyzes automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

14. (currently amended) A method for verifying that user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, using an interactive wagering application comprising:

determining in which geographic location the user equipment is located;

providing the user equipment with a location verification token in response to a determination that the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed, wherein the location verification token is provided by an interactive wagering system, wherein the location verification token ~~is provided when the user equipment is located at a location where wagering is allowed~~ comprises content that indicates that the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed, and wherein the location verification token is stored on the user equipment; and

restricting wagering access when the location verification token is not stored on the user equipment.

15. (original) The method of claim 14 wherein determining in which geographic location the user equipment is located comprises using the interactive wagering system and a

location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

16. (currently amended) An interactive wagering system having user equipment that restricts wagering access, the interactive wagering system configured to:

determine a geographic location of the user equipment;

check whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment;

B(provide the user equipment with a location verification token in response to a determination that [[when]] the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed, wherein the location verification token comprises content that indicates that the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed;

use an interactive wagering application to verify whether the location verification token is valid; and

restrict wagering access when the user equipment does not have a valid location verification token.

17. (previously presented) The system of claim 16 further comprising user equipment configured to provide wagering access when the user equipment has the location verification token.

18. (original) The system of claim 16 further comprising a global positioning satellite system to determine the location of the user equipment.

B1 19. (original) The system of claim 16 further comprising a telephone network having automatic number identification functionality that is used to determine the geographic location of the user equipment.

20. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the interactive wagering system is further configured to:

determine in which geographic locations wagering is not allowed; and

compare the geographic location of the user equipment with the geographic locations in which wagering is not allowed.

21. (previously presented) The system of claim 16 is further configured to:

use the interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

22. (original) The system of claim 21 wherein the interactive wagering system is comprised of a component selected from a group consisting of a transaction processing and subscription management system, totalisators, a subscription verification facility, user equipment, and any combination thereof.

23. (previously presented) The system of claim 16 wherein the location verification token expires after a predetermined period of time.

24. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the user equipment is configured to:

provide a user with the ability to set user-defined wagering access restrictions; and

restrict wagering access based on the user-defined wagering access restrictions.

25. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the user equipment is configured to perform a function selected from a group consisting of changing the appearance of wagering options in an interface, removing wagering options from an interface, displaying a message when a wagering option is selected from an interface, suppressing wager-related indicators from appearing on a display, suppressing a wagering event broadcast from being displayed, or any combination thereof.

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26. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the user equipment is configured to:
receive blackout information; and
determine whether wagering is allowed based on the geographic location of the user equipment and on the blackout information.

27. (currently amended) An interactive wagering system that enables user equipment to verify whether it is

located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed,
the user equipment is configured to:

use an integrated receiver decoder to receive
blackout information, wherein blackout information indicates
geographic regions that prohibit wagering;

obtain location information that indicates the
geographic location the user equipment is located; and

compare the blackout information and the
location information at the user equipment to determine
whether the user equipment is located in a geographic location
where wagering is allowed.

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28. (original) The system of claim 27 further
comprising a location tracing service to analyze automatic
number identification information obtained from having the
user equipment establish a communications link using a
telephone network.

29. (currently amended) An interactive wagering
system for verifying that user equipment is located in a
geographic location where wagering is allowed, the system
configured to:

determine in which geographic location the user equipment is located;

provide the user equipment with a location verification token in response to a determination that the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed, wherein the location verification token is provided by an interactive wagering system, wherein the location verification token ~~is provided when the user equipment is located at a location where wagering is allowed~~ comprises content that indicates that the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed, and wherein the location verification token is stored on the user equipment; and

restrict wagering access when the location verification token is not stored on the user equipment.

30. (original) The system of claim 29 further comprising a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

31. (original) The system of claim 16 wherein the user equipment is configured to determine the geographic location of the user equipment.

32. (original) The system of claim 16 wherein the user equipment is configured to check whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

33. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the user equipment is configured to restrict wagering access when wagering is not allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

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34. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising automatically removing the location verification token from the user equipment after a predetermined period of time.

35. (previously presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the user equipment is configured to automatically remove the location verification token from the user equipment after a predetermined period of time.

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising restricting wagering access when the user equipment is determined to be in a location where wagering is not allowed.

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the location information is obtained from a global positioning satellite receiver.

B(38. (previously presented) The system of claim 27, wherein the user equipment is configured to restrict wagering access when the user equipment is determined to be in a location where wagering is not allowed.

39. (previously presented) The system of claim 27, wherein the location information is obtained from a global positioning satellite receiver.

40. (currently amended) A machine-readable medium encoded with machine-readable instructions for use in a system that restricts wagering access on user equipment, the machine-readable instructions configured to:

determine a geographic location of the user equipment;

check whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment;

provide the user equipment with a location verification token in response to a determination that [[when]] the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed, wherein the location verification token comprises content that indicates that the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed;

B (use the interactive wagering application to verify whether the location verification token is valid; and restrict wagering access when the user equipment does not have a valid location verification token.

41. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to provide wagering access when the user equipment has the location verification token.

42. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to use a global positioning satellite system.

43. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to use automatic number identification on a telephone network.

44. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to:

determine in which geographic locations wagering is not allowed; and

131 compare the geographic location of the user equipment with the geographic locations in which wagering is not allowed.

45. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to use an interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

46. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to store the location verification token at the user equipment for a predetermined period of time.

47. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to:

provide a user with the ability to set user-defined wagering access restrictions; and

31 restrict wagering access based on the user-defined wagering access restrictions.

48. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions for configured to perform a function selected from a group consisting of changing the appearance of wagering options in an interface, removing wagering options from an interface, displaying a message when a wagering option is selected from an interface, suppressing wager-related indicators from appearing on a display, suppressing a wagering event broadcast from being displayed, or any combination thereof.

49. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to:

receive blackout information at the user equipment; and

determine whether wagering is allowed based on the geographic location of the user equipment and on the blackout information.

B(50. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the location verification token expires after a predetermined period of time.

51. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to use the user equipment to determine the geographic location of the user equipment.

52. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to use the user equipment to check whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

53. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to use the user equipment to restrict wagering access when wagering is not allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

54. (previously presented) A machine-readable medium encoded with machine-readable instructions for enabling user equipment to verify whether it is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, the machine-readable instructions configured to:

B1 use an integrated receiver decoder to receive blackout information, wherein blackout information indicates geographic regions that prohibit wagering;

 obtain location information that indicates the geographic location the user equipment is located; and

 compare the blackout information and the location information at the user equipment to determine whether the user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed.

55. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 54, wherein the location information is

obtained by a location tracing service that analyzes automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

56. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 54, the machine-readable instructions further configured to restrict wagering access when the user equipment is determined to be in a location where wagering is not allowed.

B | 57. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 54, wherein the location information is obtained from a global positioning satellite receiver.

58. (currently amended) An interactive wagering system having user equipment that restricts wagering access, the system comprising:

means for determining a geographic location of the user equipment;

means for checking whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment;

means for providing the user equipment with a location verification token in response to a determination that [[when]] the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed, wherein the location verification token comprises content that indicates that the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed;

means for using the interactive wagering application to verify whether the location verification token is valid; and

means for restricting wagering access when the user equipment does not have a valid location verification token.

59. (previously presented) The system of claim 58, further comprising means for providing wagering access when the user equipment has the location verification token.

60. (previously presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the means for determining the geographic location comprises means for using a global positioning satellite system.

61. (previously presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the means for determining the geographic location comprises means for using automatic number identification on a telephone network.

62. (previously presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the means for checking whether wagering is allowed comprises:

means for determining in which geographic locations wagering is not allowed; and

means for comparing the geographic location of the user equipment with the geographic locations in which wagering is not allowed.

63. (previously presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the means for checking whether wagering is allowed comprises means for using an interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

64. (previously presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the location verification token expires after a predetermined period of time.

65. (previously presented) The system of claim 58, further comprising:

means for providing a user with the ability to set user-defined wagering access restrictions; and

means for restricting wagering access based on the user-defined wagering access restrictions.

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66. (previously presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the means for restricting wagering access comprises means for performing a function selected from a group consisting of changing the appearance of wagering options in an interface, removing wagering options from an interface, displaying a message when a wagering option is selected from an interface, suppressing wager-related indicators from appearing on a display, suppressing a wagering event broadcast from being displayed, or any combination thereof.

67. (previously presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the means for checking whether wagering is allowed comprises:

means for receiving blackout information at the user equipment; and

means for determining whether wagering is allowed based on the geographic location of the user equipment and on the blackout information.

B(68. (previously presented) The system of claim 58, further comprising means for automatically removing the location verification token from the user equipment after a predetermined period of time.

69. (previously presented) The system of claim 58, further comprising means for using the user equipment to determine the geographic location of the user equipment.

70. (previously presented) The system of claim 58, further comprising means for using the user equipment to check whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

71. (previously presented) The system of claim 58, further comprising means for using the user equipment to restrict wagering access when wagering is not allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

72. (previously presented) An interactive wagering system for enabling user equipment to verify whether it is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, the system comprising:

B (means for using an integrated receiver decoder to receive blackout information, wherein blackout information indicates geographic regions that prohibit wagering;

means for obtaining location information that indicates the geographic location the user equipment is located; and

means for comparing the blackout information and the location information at the user equipment to determine whether the user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed.

73. (previously presented) The system of claim 72, wherein the location information is obtained by a location tracing service that analyzes automatic number identification

information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

74. (previously presented) The system of claim 72, further comprising means for restricting wagering access when the user equipment is determined to be in a location where wagering is not allowed.

75. (previously presented) The system of claim 72, wherein the location information is obtained from a global positioning satellite receiver.

76. (currently amended) An machine-readable medium encoded with machine-readable instructions for use in an interactive wagering system for verifying that user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, the machine-readable instructions configured to:

determine in which geographic location the user equipment is located;

provide the user equipment with a location verification token in response to a determination that the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed, wherein the location verification token is provided by an

interactive wagering system, wherein the location verification token ~~is provided when the user equipment is located at a location where wagering is allowed~~ comprises content that indicates that the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed, and wherein the location verification token is stored on the user equipment; and

restrict wagering access when the location verification token is not stored on the user equipment.

B1 77. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 76, the machine-readable instructions further configured to use the interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

78. (currently amended) An interactive wagering system for verifying that user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, the system comprising:

means for determining in which geographic location the user equipment is located;

means for providing the user equipment with a location verification token in response to a determination that the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed, wherein the location verification token is provided by an interactive wagering system, wherein the location verification token ~~is provided when the user equipment is located at a location where wagering is allowed~~ comprises content that indicates that the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed, and wherein the location verification token is stored on the user equipment; and

means for restricting wagering access when the location verification token is not stored on the user equipment.

79. (previously presented) The system of claim 78, wherein the means for determining comprises means for using the interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.
